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BISMARCK ITEMS

Mrs. I. Shaner is reported dangerously sick.

John Karach of Farmington motor-ed here Sunday.

Editor Pigg of Ironton spent Sunday here.

L. H. Butler spent Sunday with his family here.

Xmas trees can be seen now in all sizes in every direction.

Mr. A. W. Meadows of Irondale was a visitor here Monday.

Ross Blake and family of Leadwood visited friends here Sunday.

O. W. Ramsey is transacting business at Poplar Bluff this week.

Mrs. Carter of St. Louis is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. B. Sawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Simms visited relatives at Cairo, Ill., the past week.

Lorenzo Westover and family of Farmington were visitors here Thursday.

Judge C. I. Garrett has purchased some imported white-face cattle this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton of Hogan visited the family of I. F. Plank this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Powers are entertaining their daughters from St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Dent of Caledonia visited relatives here the past week.

Mrs. Bert Loomis, from Atchison county, Mo., is visiting the family of J. R. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whittington entertained friends from Fredericktown Monday.

E. D. Robinson, who has been on the sick list the past week, is up and around again.

Miss Mabel Houston, formerly of this place, was married at Globe, Ariz., this week.

Relatives of Mrs. Missey here visited her at her home in DeSoto. She has been very sick.

Mrs. H. Howard returned home Saturday after an extended visit with her sister in Farmington.

Stephen Denton, one of our oldest citizens, is reported very low with little hope of his recovery.

Sam Agnew, our ball catcher of the St. Louis Browns, was this week transferred to the Boston team.

Messrs. H. E. and L. H. Johnson of Belgrade have purchased the Sawyer farm north of town. These estimable people will be welcome additions to our midst.

Mrs. A. T. Denton, a most highly respected citizen, aged 50 years, died at his home near here December 15. He was one of our very best citizens and will be sadly missed.

With two of the Supreme Court Judges at Jefferson City killing and curing their own hogs, is it not time all our citizens were again conducting this most economical annual event?

J. H. Eaton and family of Leadwood visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Hendrick of Grandin Mo., visited friends here Sunday.

The Bank of Bismarck at their regular meeting last week declared their regular semi-annual dividend and transferred two thousand dollars from the undivided profits to the permanent surplus fund.

The principal of the High School arranged with Rev. M. T. Webb to deliver an address at the school house at 7 o'clock, December 26th, and J. H. Eaton has been selected to speak to the students Monday morning, December 27th.

PRIMROSE PARAGRAPHS

Thomas Roberts is very low at this writing.

Loss Cash made a trip to Blackwell Saturday evening.

Vetal Pratte was a visitor in Bonne Terre one day last week.

Mrs. Meyer spent last week in Bonne Terre.

Lee Snyder made a trip to Bonne Terre one day last week.

Luther Rowe was a Bonne Terre visitor one evening last week.

Miss Rosie Meyer was shopping in Bonne Terre one day last week.

Miss Rose Moon spent over Saturday in Bonne Terre with home folks.

Loss Cash was a guest at the home of Mrs. Hoelzel of Melzo Sunday evening.

Miss Annie Moon was a guest at the home of Morris Jones one evening last week.

Fred Green and Mayvin Ward of Bonne Terre were visitors here Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Jones were guests at the home of Thomas Roberts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Pettes of Bonne Terre spent Sunday here with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Alice Moon and Miss Annie Moon were shopping in Bonne Terre one day last week.

Charley Lawson and Ernest Meyer attended B. Y. P. U. at the Prospect school house Sunday night.

Ellis Moon attended the basketball game in Bonne Terre Saturday night between Bonne Terre and Herculaneum. The score was 20 to 14 in favor of Bonne Terre.

DOE RUN ITEMS

E. R. Horton was in Elvins yesterday on business.

Adam Keeling, wife and son, Willie, were here Tuesday.

Mart Swinford was a business visitor in Flat River Monday and Tuesday.

Harry Swinford was visiting relatives and friends in Elvins Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Bourgeois and son, Lawrence, were visiting in Farmington this week.

Bennie Yeager of St. Louis was visiting relatives here Tuesday and Wednesday.

The M. E. Sunday School of Doe Run will give a Christmas entertainment Friday night, December 24th. Everybody invited.

Oscar Zimmer and Ancil Swinford were Farmington visitors Saturday.

Mr. Walter Brewin, wife and daughter, Mary, were in Farmington Tuesday.

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Strange that nobody has thought of blaming the new comet for all this war.

A husband likes to give his wife advice, although he knows it won't do any good.

Any person craving excitement can get all he requires by becoming a war photographer.

"Never despise little things," writes a Chicago news philosopher. How about red ants?

"Even poetry can be forgiven this glorious weather," says a paragrapher. Not war poetry.

Fur-bearing animals are also enthusiastically in favor of the "wear cotton" movement.

When it comes time to revise the maps we can well do without such names as Przemysl.

Why should a man try to hide his light under a bushel, when a peck would answer the purpose.

It is noticed that thus far none of the Zeppelins has struck a "sunk" bomb in those London fogs.

What alarmists used to call the "annual slaughter on the gridiron" will seem a tame performance this year.

When a woman with a past marries a man with a past there really isn't much material left for a problem play.

A fashion note says skirts will be fuller next season. Some of them are so full now that they are almost bursting.

European war correspondents must be using different maps from those in use in this country—their stories don't fit.

One of the secret, gnawing fears that prey upon men is that the women will take to resembling the new fashion pictures.

A big gun that is hopelessly stuck in the mud is about as useless as a big gun several thousand miles removed from the scene of war.

According to the department of agriculture, the three-cornered alfalfa hopper is a menace. Can't some way be found to flank him?

Great Britain is said to be buying 165,000 Missouri saddle trees. But then, such trees are comparatively worthless for shade purposes.

A leading divine announces a lecture on the "inner esoterics" of Christianity; those acquainted only with the outer esoterics should attend.

A woman moralist is quoted as saying: "When in love, be calm." Might as well tell the fire department to go slow when responding to an alarm.

The department of agriculture had the interest of the consumer in view when it issued its circular urging farmers and dealers not to hold eggs too long.

It is claimed that the Russians have taken a part of Przemysl. Let us hope they did not take the middle of it, if it is to continue to figure in the war news.

The French and the German war offices both announce officially that the situation is satisfactory. In which case nobody else has a right to complain.

A Paris correspondent says that America gets better news of the war than Europeans. But this is in accordance with the old axiom that on-lookers see most of the game.

You've got to give it to the war correspondents. They don't tell anything about the war, but they're there with both feet when it comes to describing the kind of food they have to eat.

The department of agriculture assures the nation that this country can supply all the cheese it wants, even unto the limburger brand. Such things as these are gleams of sunshine in the stormy sky.

Chancellor Snow of the University of Kansas says his new bug, the amblychylindridiformis, lives in holes in the ground; mebbe so, but ambly evidently leaves his name on the outside, where there's more room.

Hartford has seen a sight which goes far toward convincing us that old manners are dying out. A gypsy tribe traveled from Denver to Worcester, Mass., in two big limousines which carried tents, pots and other things inseparable from gypsy camps. When the gypsies go back on the horse it certainly seems as if the equine day is passing.

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GARDNER DEMANDS FINANCIAL JUSTICE FOR THE FARMER

SUBMITS BILL TO LEGISLATURE PROVIDING FOR STATE LAND BANK.

Measure Would Enable Missouri Agriculturists to Borrow Money on Long Time at Low Interest Rates.

Jefferson City, Mo.—It is conceded on all sides that Col. F. D. Gardner, in his address before the agricultural committee of the house and senate a few days ago, which meeting was attended by the governor and prominent members of the house and senate, and in his advocacy of the bill which he submitted for the establishment of the Missouri State Land Bank, created an immensely favorable impression.

The bill was unanimously recommended for passage by both committees. It is now before the senate and house. Undoubtedly the members of the legislature will receive letters from home urging its passage.

In his argument Col. Gardner pointed out the fact that the farmer produced all of the wealth of the nation. And yet, according to the official figures of President Taft, he is paying



COL. FRED D. GARDNER, St. Louis.

more interest for the use of the wealth which he creates than any other class of people.

The bill submitted is simple in the extreme. It provides that the state shall form a corporation known as the Missouri State Land Bank, that the state shall loan this bank \$1,000,000 to start with; that after the bank has loaned \$500,000 it may issue bonds against the \$500,000 of farm mortgages and sell the bonds in all of the great centers of the world at the lowest possible rate of interest.

These bonds may be issued up to \$400,000,000 the first issue, and subsequent issues at the ratio of 30 to 1 for an indefinite amount, which Col. Gardner figured would sell at about 4 per cent.

In making loans and deeds of trust provision shall be made for the payment of all or part of the loan at any interest period, and for the amortization of the debt by the payment annually or semi-annually of the interest at the rate fixed and small installments of the principal debt at like periods, and for the payment of 1/2 to 1 per cent to create a reserve fund, all so adjusted as to discharge the debt in the number of years desired by the debtor within the limit heretofore mentioned, as, for example: If the loan should amount to \$100 and be made at the interest rate of 4.3 per cent, it would be amortized approximately as follows:

Duration.	Annual Payments.
5 years	\$22.40
10 years	13.40
15 years	9.10
20 years	7.50
25 years	6.50

If, therefore, the bank should sell the bonds for 4.3 per cent and collect 1/2 of 1 per cent for the reserve fund, the loan would mature according to the desire of the borrower on the above approximate basis of annual payments. It will be seen that if the loan were made for a period of 25 years the borrower would pay a total of approximately 6 1/2 per cent thereon, made up as follows: Interest, 4.3 per cent; reserve, 1/2 of 1 per cent; on the principal, 1.7 per cent.

Out of the sinking fund the \$1,000,000 would be repaid to the state. The advancement of the million dollars by the state would enable the people to borrow their money at low rates of interest.

Col. Frederick D. Gardner, originator of the Missouri State Land Bank plan and author of the bill submitted to the legislature providing for the establishment of same, was born in Hickman, Ky. He lived on a farm until the age of about 17. Started in the manufacturing business in St. Louis as an office boy, and has worked in all of the different departments at the bench.

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Can You Beat It

CHAMP CLARK "SPIKES" RUMORS

Speaker Ridicules Press Stories He is Presidential Aspirant for 1916

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Eastern newspapers again are making it necessary for Speaker Clark to "spike" speculative stories respecting the possibility of the Missourian becoming a candidate for President next year against Mr. Wilson.

New York and Baltimore papers this morning published reports to this effect. When his attention was called to the yarns, the Speaker said he had not changed the attitude defined in his now famous Panama Canal tolls speech.

He then said that if President Wilson made good, no man could defeat him for renomination, and that if he didn't make good, the nomination would not be worth having. The Speaker knows the President has made good.

Mr. Clark ridiculed the report, published in these same papers, that certain Democratic Representatives were preparing to force him into the Presidential race. He specifically denied the "rumor" that Senator Underwood had pledged him his support against President Wilson.

Democrats believed the stories, which appeared only in papers antagonistic to the administration, were either inspired in the hope of creating strife in the Democratic ranks or were products of the imagination of writers seeking to fill space during the dull news season.

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